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**From:** Taylor, Dawn [<mailto:Taylor.Dawn@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 1:01 PM  
**To:** Shell, Ronald T  
**Cc:** Howard, Ralph  
**Subject:** FW: 35th Avenue - 105(d) Petition for PA in Tarrant, AL

Hi Ron-

Wanted to let you all know that we recently received this petition to do a PA in Tarrant, AL near the 35<sup>th</sup> Ave site. We are still having internal discussions on how to address it, but we will keep you informed as we proceed.

Thanks,

Dawn

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**From:** Howard, Ralph  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 06, 2014 2:18 PM  
**To:** Ron Shell  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Petition Site in Tarrant, AL (near 35th Avenue)

Hey Ron!, hope your afternoon is going well.

Not long after we spoke yesterday, I was called on to help with school registration-setup and missed some time in the afternoon. But Jennifer sent this below, also not long after we spoke. So it appears we would like for you all to do both the PA, and the SI, as part of the Year 2 Grant commitments during FY 2015.

This would substitute in for another PA site planned for next year, and for the planned SI at Sierra Chemical. Target dates would be completing the PA by 7/1 and the SI before the FY ended.

As we were discussing, ADEM has had involvement at the site, though not from CERCLA PASI staff (your staff). And that ADEM may have specific concerns about the site. But from our perspective it makes to have you all participate. Substituting in public-complaint or public-petition sites like this has been done many times in the past few years, including at Lake Martin/Elkahatchee Creek Sediments, Pelham Open Dump/Burning, and Reichold Chemicals, just to name a few.

Please let me know soon that your group can do this via our PASI Grant, and then let's talk about what sites to push aside until '16.

Thanks -

**From:** Howard, Ralph  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 12:49 PM  
**To:** 'Shell, Ronald T'  
**Subject:** RE: 35th Avenue - 105(d) Petition for PA in Tarrant, AL

Hey Ron, we only have what you see there. If you look close you can see their residences indicated by the push-pins, but that's it. Figure 2 does show then ABC Coke plant and nearby residential areas. They say (next to last page beneath Fig. 4) that "contamination...are [sic] [should be is] likely to be found in the residential areas of Tarrant shown in Figure 2 near the ABC Coke facility." Read in its entirety, the petition makes reasonably clear where the petitioners are asking that assessment be done. Does this get to what you're saying?

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**From:** Shell, Ronald T [<mailto:RTS@adem.state.al.us>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 11:59 AM  
**To:** Howard, Ralph  
**Cc:** Mayberry, Arnold  
**Subject:** RE: 35th Avenue - 105(d) Petition for PA in Tarrant, AL

Thanks for checking. Without a colored figure 2, you can't tell what area they circled and are requesting to be assessed.

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**From:** Howard, Ralph [<mailto:Howard.Ralph@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 10:27 AM  
**To:** Shell, Ronald T  
**Subject:** RE: 35th Avenue - 105(d) Petition for PA in Tarrant, AL

Ron – Nope, the (paper) original is on Dawn's desk (she's out), Jennifer & I just examined it, and that figure is exactly as you see there, B&W. Sorry...

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Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 11:02 AM  
To: Taylor, Dawn; Howard, Ralph  
Cc: Mayberry, Arnold  
Subject: RE: 35th Avenue - 105(d) Petition for PA in Tarrant, AL

Are color copies available of the figures in the petition?

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**From:** Howard, Ralph  
**Sent:** Monday, August 11, 2014 10:23 AM  
**To:** 'Shell, Ronald T'  
**Subject:** RE: Re: Petition Site in Tarrant, AL (near 35th Avenue)

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**Subject:** RE: Re: Petition Site in Tarrant, AL (near 35th Avenue)

Ralph, we can do both the PA and SI to meet the required suspenses, but we would like to do them in addition to our currently scheduled grant commitments.

We have already started preliminary work on the FY15 sites, but more importantly we will have to use some personnel on the PA & SI in Tarrant that are not scheduled to do Sierra. To simply substitute Tarrant for Sierra would cause a ripple effect at this point that would affect several programs.

If you are OK with us doing them as additional commitments, we need to discuss the scope of work, especially for the SI, including the exact area the petitioners want to be assessed.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks.

Ron

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Will do, Ron. The meeting/discussion is tomorrow...

**From:** Shell, Ronald T [<mailto:RTS@adem.state.al.us>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 14, 2014 11:40 AM  
**To:** Howard, Ralph  
**Cc:** Mayberry, Arnold  
**Subject:** RE: Re: Petition Site in Tarrant, AL (near 35th Avenue)

Ralph, can you include the following topics in your discussions?

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Ron, Arnold, can we get on the phone with you next Wednesday to talk about the PA and SI? Either morning or afternoon would be OK, for us anyway...

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